

BELGIAN CAPITAL ON BELGIAN SOIL BY WINTER TIME

King Albert, Personally,
Credited With Large Part
Of Splendid Victory, Early
Fall of Douai Predicted

MADRID, Friday, Oct. 4.—(By The Associated Press).—The Spanish steamer Francoili has been torpedoed by a German submarine, according to an announcement by the minister of marine.

The Francoili was an iron steamer of 1,241 tons, she was built in 1902 and was 216 feet long. Her home port was Barcelona.

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The German retreat from the Hindenburg line was in full swing today, according to the French, Belgian and British thrusts at vital points. While official reports told only of the evacuation of Armentieres and Lens, officers here confidently expected that this phase of the withdrawal must be expanded to the south at once under the threat of the British push northward from their lines between the Scarpe and Cambrai.

With the evacuation of Lens, the enemy's hold on the great coal region of northern France is loosened. Nothing has been received as yet to show whether the mines have been fired, but it is regarded as certain that during the years of German occupation the great fuel store houses below the surface have been worked to the limit.

Occupation of Lens Part of Plan
An evidence of the complete confidence with which the allied leaders have viewed the future ever since it became certain that the United States would succeed in getting a great army to France for the fighting this year, it now is known that re-occupation of the Lens coal fields has been definitely fixed on for some months in computing fuel needs and supplies. There also are indications that American coal mining units, equipped with the most up-to-date machinery, even with the means of fighting possible fires in the workings, will be ready to enter the mines as rapidly as the armies force the enemy beyond them.

The force that compelled the German leaders to order the evacuation of the Lens-Armentieres front, undoubtedly, in military opinion here, was the wholly unexpected rush in Belgium in which the Belgian army itself under command of its soldier king, formed the spearhead that broke the way for swift expansion of the victory by the French and British forces. There appears to be little doubt now that King Albert will be able to re-establish his capital on Belgian soil this winter.

General Plumer Holds Key
Standing on the flank of the German communication system from Armentieres to the immediate vicinity of Cambrai, General Plumer's second British army is believed to hold the key to a wide stretch of territory now in enemy hands.

Extension of the Franco-Belgian drive north of General Plumer's line, however, would permit the British commander to move forward to the southeast in a wide encircling movement. For that reason it is thought a new drive is to be anticipated on the Roulers front with larger French or British forces, supplementing the work of the Belgian armies.

The evacuation of Lens foreshadows the early fall of Douai, already closely pressed from the south. It is clear that

This Is the Only Way You Can Send Christmas Box To Your Boy 'Over There'

You can not send your boy in France a Christmas gift unless you receive a Christmas parcel label from him.

This was the information obtained from the service section of the Red Cross yesterday when the following directions were given out:

"The war department wishes each man to receive only one parcel of standard size and weight. To carry out this plan army authorities are distributing Christmas parcel labels to men abroad who will mail them to relatives and friends. No parcel will be accepted for mailing by post-office without label received from abroad. Order placed last week for cartons which are being made in the divisions. Delivery will be made the latter part of October in ample time to distribute to the chapters. There is no need for anxiety because cartons must not be given out until labels are received. Complete Red Cross details will be sent when finally approved by war and postoffice departments."

the grand strategy of Marshal Foch contemplated pinching the enemy out of the whole Lille-Douai sector and the abnormal quiet that has prevailed along the Lens front up to now is explained. The supreme commander is today realizing the full success of that plan.

Allies Must Support Plumer

What effect the break in the north may have on the remainder of the line remains to be seen. Undoubtedly, it is said, an element of successful withdrawal will be necessarily the concentration of a great force to hold up the British under General Plumer and the French and Belgians further north from continuing their drive eastward. A way must be kept open for the retreating armies.

Before Reims, however, the enemy already has let go of the valuable defensive positions on the St. Thierry plateau and stands on a weak front with his back to open country beyond the Laon-Reims road. Just north of St. Quentin the British were again hammering forward today toward the valley of the Oise in a movement that imperils the whole German line between the Oise and the Aisne. The urgent situation around Lille might dictate a suspension of the withdrawal near Reims, but it looks as though the movement was too far advanced to be arrested and British occupation of the Oise line east of St. Quentin, beyond doubt, would force not only acceleration, but wide extension of the withdrawal.

Pershing Lull is Significant

Nor is the Reims situation of the enemy perilous only on this sector. East of the cathedral city a pocket is forming with the French fourth army west of the Argonne menacing the security of the German troops on that front. The momentary lull in the fighting on the American lines at the Meuse, as Pershing's men consolidated their positions before the new German line, may portend a new blow at any moment and the continued quiet along the immediate front of Reims may foreshadow an early attack there at the heart of the weakened German defensive structure with open country beyond.

TIME IS RIPE

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ported today to the treasury department, an increase over the daily average heretofore recorded. Up to the close of business last night, the total officially tabulated was \$626,506,000. This is the recognized harvest from four days' campaign—about half the rate at which subscriptions must come in to reach the \$6,000,000,000 total.

Today's report did not include the Kansas City district, where the campaign has not actually started nor any subscriptions not supported by initial payment in the hands of banks.

Toledo Achieves Its Quota
Toledo, Ohio, furnished the spectacular feature of the day's campaigning by achieving its quota of \$19,000,000 from 7,200 persons. The city's campaign managers telegraphed that this was only a beginning.

Subscriptions by districts were announced as follows:
Boston, \$121,094,000; New York, \$183,246,000; Philadelphia, \$42,775,250; Cleveland, \$35,471,450; Richmond, \$18,330,000; Atlanta, \$2,152,850; Chicago, \$2,927,850; St. Louis, \$38,014,550; Minneapolis, \$18,850,000; Dallas, \$7,738,000; San Francisco, \$37,952,550.

Closing of theaters and the abandonment of public meetings on account of the influenza epidemic has interfered seriously with loan canvassing, particularly in New England, where it may be necessary to cancel engagements of the Great Lakes naval band next week. In spite of this handicap, however, 109,254 persons have bought bonds in New England and 35 communities have over-subscribed.

Little Blind Girl Subscribes
From Raleigh, N. C., tonight came the story of a little blind girl, a mill worker, who subscribed for a \$100 bond. In Caddo Parish of Louisiana, which includes the city of Shreveport, a negro farmer, David Raynes, subscribed \$100,000 which he had received from oil prospectors on his farm. This represents his entire bank account.

When the United States merchantman entered the port of Norfolk, Va., today, E. E. Palen, of the shipping board's division of operations, organized a sales crew and gathered subscriptions for \$10,250 bonds, from the 117 men and officers. On receipt of this news, Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board ordered organization of similar canvassing clubs at all ports. Rear Admiral Cowie, in charge of the navy's loan campaign, announced tonight that naval officers and men had subscribed more than \$5,000,000.

Australia Reports \$5,000,000
The American consul at New Castle, Australia, reported in a letter dated August 6, that Americans there already had subscribed \$5,000,000. Dallas, Texas, raised 85 per cent of its quota in two hours, according to a report to headquarters today.

Portland Is 'Over the Top'
PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 3.—Oregon's quota of \$33,708,150 in the Fourth Liberty loan was brought to completion tonight when new subscriptions were announced which more than filled Portland's apportionment of \$18,322,421. The committee announced that Portland will claim the honor of being the first city of its class in the country to go over the top.

DISEASE AND DEATH

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missioner Copeland, in a statement made public tonight, said only 4,000 cases of Spanish influenza have developed in greater New York. About 10 per cent of the victims have developed pneumonia, statistics show and of these about 50 per cent have died.

Widespread tests to determine the efficiency of the vaccine, discovery of which was announced this week, will be begun here tomorrow. Mr. Copeland said. He declared that the vaccine had already proved successful in some cases.

Tomorrow, he said, enough of it will be available to treat 15,000 persons. The serum will be used only in camps and residences where imminent danger of the disease exists, and only until the subjects have been immunized with more permanent vaccine, which is expected to produce immunity for several months.

Forty-five Deaths in Chicago
CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—Forty-five deaths 20 of which were caused by pneumonia and 25 by influenza, were reported to the health department today. Eighty new cases of pneumonia and 370 cases of influenza were reported.

Since September 25, when the first case of influenza was reported, until today, reports of 1,579 persons suffering from the disease have been received. One hundred and two deaths were reported since that time from the same disease. In the same period 187 persons have died of pneumonia.

Epidemic Attacks Denver
DENVER, Colo., Oct. 3.—A question that the epidemic form of Spanish influenza has reached Denver was made tonight by Dr. William Sharpley, manager of public health. Five deaths due to pneumonia following grip or influenza, have been reported in Denver within the last 36 hours.

Dr. Sharpley and his advisory committee of 12 physicians issued a statement to all doctors and hospitals and urged upon the public to use all reasonable precautions to prevent a spread of the disease. Drastic measures, including the closing of schools, amusements and all public gatherings, will be taken if the situation warrants it, Dr. Sharpley stated.

Reports from the state university at Boulder, where the epidemic has been running its course among the army men taking technical training, indicate no material changes in the situation during the last 24 hours.

Sport Writer Succumbs
BOSTON, Oct. 3.—Spanish influenza and pneumonia claimed 191 lives in the city during the 24 hours ending at ten o'clock tonight. Three were 175 victims yesterday and 262 the day before. Twenty-five persons died of pneumonia, as against 40 yesterday but the death toll from influenza, 166 today, was higher than yesterday by 21. Eighty-three cities and towns in the state outside of Boston reported 7,824 new cases of influenza and 151 deaths today, a larger list than yesterday.

Among those who died of influenza today was Edward E. Martin, baseball writer of the Boston Globe, and Secretary of the Boston Chapter Baseball Writers' Association of America. Martin was the American league's star in the last world's series. His wife died yesterday of the same disease.

Philadelphia Closes Everything
PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 3.—The most sweeping closing order issued by the Philadelphia board of health in many years was decided upon today in an effort to check the epidemic of Spanish influenza and pneumonia which is growing more serious here each day. All schools, churches, Sunday schools, theaters and public gatherings of all kinds were ordered closed for an indefinite period.

The order also applies to all indoor liberty loan meetings and it may have a serious effect on the city's plans to fill its quota.

There were 625 new cases of influenza reported today. The number of deaths reported was 135.

Public Amusements Closed
HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 3.—Dr. R. E. Boyer, state commissioner of health, tonight issued an order closing every place of public amusement and every saloon in Pennsylvania because of the influenza epidemic.



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Official Statement

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troops have pushed forward steadily throughout the day. They are maintaining constant pressure on the German rear guards.

"Lens has been cleared" of the enemy and our advanced detachments have reached the general line of Avion, Vendin, Hantay, Wieres and Herles and are east of the Bois Grenier.

"This morning our troops occupied Armentieres."

FRENCH

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

PARIS, Oct. 3.—The French troops captured 2800 prisoners today the war office announces tonight. They made an important advance to the northwest of Somme-Py, in the Champagne, occupying the crest of Blanc Mont.

Cormey, northwest of Reims, has also been captured.

"We gained a footing on the railway east of St. Quentin and advanced fighting to the east of Fausbourg D'Isle. A hundred prisoners were taken."

"Northwest of Reims we captured Cormey and reached the Aisne canal between Concreux and La Neuville."

"In Champagne the battle continues violently. We enlarged our gains in the region north of Somme-Py. Breaking the enemy resistance, we captured Blanc Mont Crest and Medah farm, five kilometers northwest of Somme-Py. Prisoners to the number of 2,800 were taken today."

BELGIAN

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

HAVRE, Oct. 3.—A Belgian armored car has succeeded in entering Roulers and has returned safely to its own lines, according to the Belgian official communication tonight.

The statement says: "French and Belgian troops today attacked the enemy positions east of Staden. Despite the German resistance, we advanced our lines two kilometers, reaching the outskirts of Hoogdele (almost directly north of Roulers) as well as the road between Hoogdele and Roulers. A violent counter attack west of Roulers completely failed."

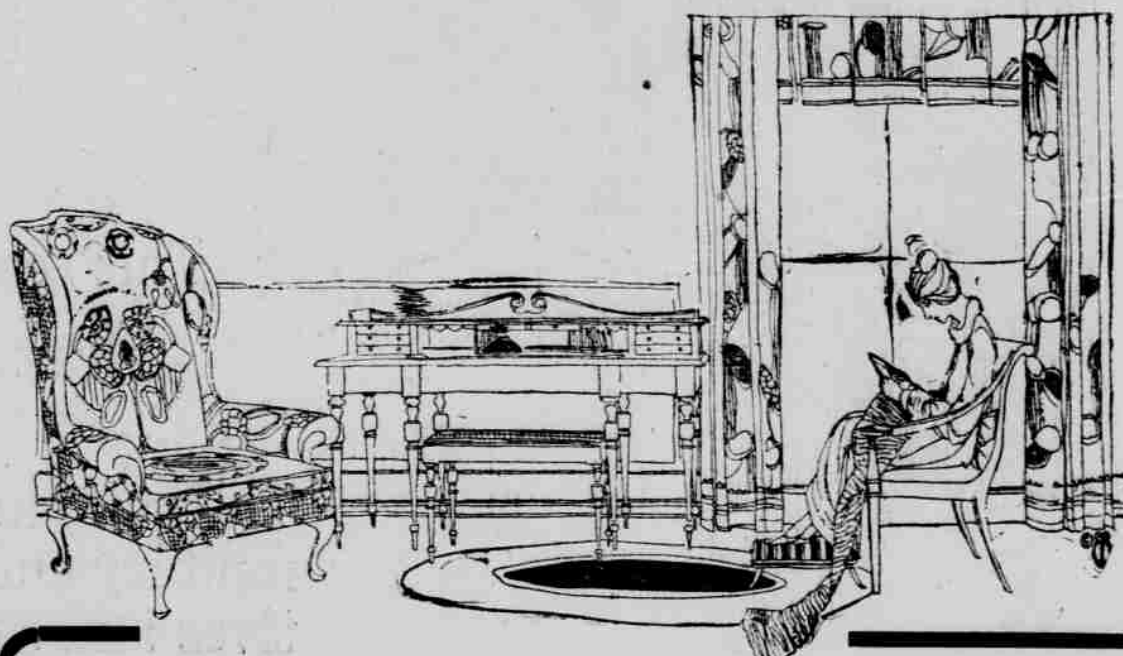
"Yesterday a Belgian armored car passed through the German lines and penetrated Roulers, despite a violent German fire. It returned through the German positions and reached our lines."

"On the northern front a few prisoners were taken in minor operations."

GERMAN

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

BERLIN, Oct. 3.—(Via London)—"Vigorous enemy attacks northwest of Roulers and on a wide front north of St. Quentin and in Champagne failed," says the evening report from general headquarters. "The enemy suffered heavy losses."



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